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a footboard panel 28 is provided at the bottom. Panels 23, 24, 25 and 28 may be detachable from base panel 22 to facilitate easy storage, or they may be integrated into a single unit. The fabric cover 26 fits over the base panel 22 and all of side/end panels 23, 24, 25 and 28. A plurality of pockets may be provided on cover 26 of this embodiment on either the inside or outside surfaces of any of panels 23, 24 and/or 25. This unit is particularly useful in a hospital bed where the rails may be used to hold the unit in the bed. One or more straps 55 may be attached to the extended side panel 23 or 24 (in the illustration of FIG. 14, panel 24 is the extended one; however, panel 23 could alternatively be extended). Velcro hooks 54 and loops 56, elastic, buckles, or other suitable attachment means may be employed on the straps to secure them to the bed rails.

It is to be understood that variations and modifications of the present invention may be made without departing from the scope thereof. It is also to be understood that the present invention is not to be limited by the specific embodiments disclosed herein, but only in accordance with the appended claims when read in light of the foregoing specification.

I claim:

1. A portable infant bed comprising:

- a. a support unit including a generally rectangular flat base panel having two parallel longitudinal sides and two parallel ends, a detachable end wall perpendicularly attached at one end of said panel, and a pair of detachable parallel side walls perpendicularly attached to the two longitudinal sides of said base panel and to said end wall;
 - b. a fabric cover fitting over the base panel, side walls and end wall of said unit, said cover extending beyond the opposite end of said base panel; and
 - c. a generally rectangular pad that fits against said end wall and side walls, said pad extending beyond said base panel and over said extended cover.
2. The infant bed of claim 1 wherein said base panel, end wall and side walls are integrated into a single unit.
3. The infant bed of claim 1 wherein a pair of handles are provided, one in the vicinity of said end wall and the other on said cover extension, and a fabric hinge is provided in said cover at a point beyond said base panel.
4. The infant bed of claim 3 wherein a means for securing said bed against itself is provided on said cover.
5. The infant bed of claim 4 wherein each of said side walls has an inside surface and an outside surface covered by said cover, and a plurality of pockets are provided on said cover on said outside surfaces.
6. The infant bed of claim 5 wherein a plurality of transparent pockets are provided on said cover on said inside surfaces.
7. A portable infant support unit comprising a generally rectangular flat base panel having two parallel longitudinal sides and two parallel ends, an end wall perpendicularly attached at one end of said panel, a pair of parallel side walls perpendicularly attached along a portion of the two longitudinal sides of said panel and to said end wall, a plurality of openings on the back of said base panel for receiving suction cups, at least one pair of slots provided in said end wall for receiving a securement belt, a fabric cover covering the base panel, side walls and end wall of said unit, said

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cover having openings therein which correspond to the positions of said suction cups and slots, and a generally rectangular pad that fits inside said end walls and said side walls on top of said cover.

8. A portable infant bed comprising:

- a. a support unit including a generally rectangular flat base panel having two parallel longitudinal sides and two parallel ends, a first detachable end wall perpendicularly attached at one end of said panel, a second detachable end wall perpendicularly attached at the opposite end of said panel, a first detachable side wall perpendicularly attached along one of the two longitudinal sides of said base panel and to each of said end walls, and a second detachable partial side wall perpendicularly attached along a portion of the opposite longitudinal side of said base panel and to one of said end walls, leaving a gap between said second side wall and said other end wall;
 - b. a fabric cover fitting over the base panel, side walls and end walls of said unit; and
 - c. a generally rectangular pad that fits inside said end walls and said side walls on top of said cover.
9. The infant bed of claim 8 wherein said base panel, end walls and side walls are integrated into a single unit.
10. The infant bed of claim 8 wherein a plurality of straps are provided on said first side wall for securing said unit in place.

11. The infant bed of claim 10 wherein each of said side walls has an inside surface and an outside surface, and a plurality of pockets are provided on said cover on said outside surfaces.

12. The infant bed of claim 11 wherein a plurality of transparent viewing pockets are provided on said cover on said inside surfaces for holding replaceable designs to stimulate the visual senses of a baby on said pad.

13. A portable infant bed comprising:

- a. a generally rectangular flat base panel having two parallel longitudinal sides and two shorter parallel ends;
 - b. a detachable end panel perpendicularly attachable to one end of said base panel;
 - c. a first detachable side panel perpendicularly attachable along one of the two longitudinal sides of said base panel and to said end panel to form a first corner;
 - d. a second detachable side panel perpendicularly attachable along the opposite longitudinal side of said base panel and to said end panel to form a second corner; and
 - e. a generally rectangular pad for placement on said base panel between said side panels, a proximal end of said pad abutting against said end panel and a distal end of said pad extending outwardly beyond said base panel.
14. The infant bed of claim 13 wherein the first and second corners are each rounded.
15. The infant bed of claim 13 wherein a fabric cover is provided that fits over the base panel, side panels and end panel of said bed such that said pad fits on top of said cover between said side panels.

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